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Greetings everyone and praise the Lord. God is so good. There is no one like Him. We need to be continually reminded of the fact that there is no one like our God. He created the stars, the moon, the planets, and everything that is seen and unseen. The very one who created the universe, also made a way for us to have relationship with Him. He wants a relationship with us. He wants us to snuggle up to Him, sit at His feet, or lay our head on His chest. We know He wants this level of deep love and intimacy because He sacrificed his only begotten Son for us. He allowed His Son to shed His blood for us so that we could be made clean and experience His presence; to fellowship with Him and hear His counsel. As we enter into prayer, we get to hear His voice!

John 10:4-6 (King James Version)

⁴And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: **for they know his voice.** ⁵And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. ⁶This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

We know His voice if we are indeed His sheep. The Word says we know His voice. We know His voice! That should make you jump up and down with excitement. The wonderful creator of the entire universe speaks to us and we indeed know His voice. Wow! How cool is that? Do you get what I am writing to you? I don't mean to keep repeating myself, but the God of *the entire* Universe is speaking and He is speaking *DIRECTLY* to *US*. He wants us to know what He is saying and he wants us to follow what He says.

Hebrews 11:6 (King James Version)

⁶But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We come in faith and believe that "He is" and He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. How do we diligently seek God? We do it in prayer, in that secret place, by shutting out the world and pressing in. To "press in" spiritually means that we pray in our prayer language, read His word, and pray in our known language. We do this until He answers. He will answer, because if the scripture says we know His voice, He must be speaking. The scripture commands us to come boldly to the throne of grace (Heb 4:16). As we press in to God and seek Him, He brings rewards and not condemnation. There are so many rewards that come from diligently seeking Him.

A Word about Prayer

If you grew up in church, you have most likely heard a lot about prayer. In fact, if you are around Christians at all, you probably hear about prayer all the time. We have prayer meetings, prayer and Bible study... We even hold whole classes devoted to prayer. So what is prayer? Prayer is talking to God and having Him answer. It has to be, or prayer is in vain. You may as well pray to a rock! God answers, as talked about on page one. God does answer! He doesn't always answer how we think He should, but He answers.

You may want sit down for this next part. Grab your favorite drink, sit back, and relax. I'll wait. Okay, let's ask this question, if God answers my prayers, how important are my prayers? I mean, I am talking to the creator of the universe, the one who knows all, sees all, and understands it all. If God knows all there is to know about everything, then why even pray at all? You could just tell God, "You know what is happening with this person or that person, God do your stuff." Do we really think our prayers are going to change God's mind and how do we even know that what we are praying is God's will? (See page 3 for the answer)

When I get ready to pray about anything, the first question I ask is, "What do you, almighty God, want me to pray?" The second one is similar, "What is your will for this situation?" Then I press in and snuggle up to Daddy, as I like to say, and listen. As I listen, I wait for God's Spirit to reveal to my heart a scripture, word, or some kind of instructions. He has never failed to answer me since I have started praying this way. I took this pattern from Jesus, who said He only speaks what he hears from the Father. He only does what He sees the Father doing. (John 5:19) and (John 14:10)

How did Jesus hear and see what the Father was saying or doing? The scripture sometimes records the Father speaking to Jesus in an audible voice, but that was not the norm. So how did Jesus know to pray the way He did? He always knew how to pray in every situation. He knew what was needed, or what needed to be said. No one could catch Him in His words. We know that he heard from God all the time. Let's keep in mind again, that prayer is talking to God and having Him answer. Jesus said, "He and the Father are one (John 10:30)," so that means that Jesus could hear the Father speaking to Him. God's voice didn't come to Jesus from the outside, or in an audible way. If it had, I am sure the writers of the gospels would have stated that. God spoke to Jesus in His spirit, in His heart, or internally, however you want to phrase it. Jesus' relationship with the Father parallels our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are one with Him and His Spirit (I Cor 6:17-20). We don't need to always pray aloud to get an answer. We can pray in our heart and quietly seek for God to speak to us; this is how Jesus heard from the Father. So, how did Jesus see what the Father was doing? In the same manner as previously described, on the inside of Him, with the eyes of His spirit. How do I know this? Well, I have always been curious how Jesus knew to make mud with His spit and place it on the eyes of the man who was blind (John 9:6). He saw the Father doing it in His spirit and obeyed. The man was healed and could see. Please keep in mind, Jesus is our example and if you believe that God's Spirit lives in you, then HIS Spirit will show you. This may not be a literal seeing, but a perception from God's Spirit to your spirit of knowing what and how to pray.

The single most important reason for seeking God on how to pray about a situation is to pray His will (1 John 5:14-15). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. If we don't pray according to His will we ask in error (James 4:3)."

You see when we come praying with our own agenda, and not His, we ask in error. Start today to pray God's will and follow the example of Jesus. If you do this, as God guarantee's in scripture, you won't be disappointed.

Our Prayers are Important (Exodus 32:7-14) KJV

I didn't mean to leave you hanging on page two, but I couldn't fit in my response to the question. How important are your prayers? Please remember our definition of prayer as you read this scripture:

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' ⁹ "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' " ¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Someone could devote an entire book just to this portion of scripture. Because of space, I would like to key in on one specific point. God looked down on the people and saw the rebellion and their sin. In that moment, God wanted to destroy the people and start over just with Moses. However, Moses was talking to God and he asked God not to destroy the people. Moses stated his case very well and spoke to God in reverence, but also with boldness. The word says, Moses sought God's favor for the people. Moses stated what God's enemy's, the Egyptians, might say if He did destroy them, and reminded God of the covenant He had made with His people. You see how important that one prayer was to God's people? That prayer changed the very course of history in that moment, that's how important your prayers are.

Like a Little Child (Matthew 18:2-4) KJV

²He called a little child and had him stand among them. ³And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

These scriptures can be applied to many areas of life, but I am applying them to prayer. When we go before Daddy in prayer, we are actually moving in the realm of the Spirit because God is a Spirit (John 4:24). As we humble ourselves as children in prayer, we can literally open up like a child and tell him how we feel. Like a little child, we can jump around, dance, sing unto Him, laugh, cry, and express our emotions. >Remember when you were a child how you would sing, laugh, play and have fun around your parents? You trusted your parents and knew they loved you unconditionally. This made you free to express yourself and yet you would listen when they spoke and obey. So, I encourage you as you talk to God and listen for His response, don't be afraid to be free. God won't strike you down. He will lift you up. >Becoming like a little child is humbling. It involves coming with great trust and without fear of condemnation. You know your Heavenly Father (Daddy) has everything under control and He loves you unconditionally, so go ahead and open up. Be open and honest with Him, just like you did when you were a child. It's ok to dance, sing, praise, cry, and just love on Him. Express your love to Him and look for that love to be returned to you, as you sit on His lap and pour out your heart.

I MISS YOU

While I was praying recently, I received a word from the Lord. It was very simple, but very profound. I would like to share it with you because I think it reflects the deep relationship that God wants to establish with all of His children.

As I was praying one morning, I was doing all the talking. As I paused for a breath, the Lord interrupted me and said, "I miss you." I heard this very clearly in my spirit, so much so that it startled me a bit. I felt His presence wash over me. I began to weep and pray even more. I asked God what He meant by "I miss you." He responded saying, "I miss all my children. I miss my time with them." I began to reflect on that. How amazing that the Almighty God, the creator of the entire Universe, misses me. Imagine that!

He misses you too.
Glory to God!

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